

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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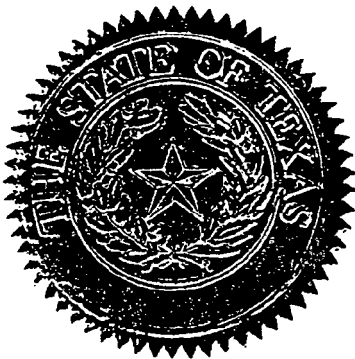
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby veto H.B. 3148 because of the following objections:

This bill would expand the jurisdiction of the statutory county court at law in McLennan County to include jurisdiction over third-degree felonies and the power to conduct arraignments, pre-trial and probation hearings and accept guilty pleas in all felony criminal matters. General felony criminal jurisdiction has been vested by the Legislature in the district courts of this state and not in statutory county courts or constitutional county courts. This derives from the philosophy that individuals whose punishment can include incarceration within the state correctional system should be subject to state courts. As district courts are state-funded and vacancies are subject to the appointive powers of state officials, including the Texas Senate, all felony prosecutions should continue to fall solely and exclusively within the purview of these courts.

The Secretary of State shall take notice of this action and notify the Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 18 day of June, 1989.



W. P. Clements, Jr.
William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas

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